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A True

ACCOUNT

FROM

Coll. KIRKE

Of the

Relieving of London-Derry,

Brought

By Mr. Beale, the Messenger, in an Express

TO THE

COURT.

Together With

An Account of a great Fight between
the Duke of Berwick's Forces and the Prote-
stants; with all the Particulars.

6. Aug. 1689.

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MR. Beale, the Messenger, being sent Express by the way of Scotland, to Major General Kirk, returned yesterday Morning about Eight of the Clock, having left Major General Kirk on Tuesday last, being the 30th of July, in the Island of Inchy in Lough Swille, he brings Advice, That Major General Kirk, with the Ships and Men under his command, having continued a considerable time in Lough Foyle, and seeing that it was impossible to relieve the Town by that way, till such times as he should be reinforced with Forces from England, he thought it necessary and requisite to sail to Lough Swille, to joyn Colonel Steward, who is posted in the Isle of Inchy, and accordingly he did set sail in order to perform that

that Voyage; upon which the *Irish* drew all their Forces from *Loagh Foyle* in order to oppose their designs; and withall, to prevent the People of *Inniskilling* and *Ballishannon*, &c. from joyning them, leaving only an inconsiderable party, with two pieces of Cannon to guard the Bomb, having carried the rest of the Guns with them: Upon notice of their so doing Major General *Kirk* sailed back to *Loagh Foyle*, where he soon put the *Irish* to flight, and broke the Bomb with little or no opposition, having lost but one Man in the Action. Then he sailed to *London-Derry*, where he was joyfully received by the inhabitants, who began to want Provisions, being reduced to that Scarcity, that they were obliged for some days together to eat Horse-flesh, and were allowed but one Bisket a piece every day. The Inhabitants of the Town sent on board the Fleet to acquaint Major General *Kirk*, that they wanted no Men in the Town, nor Ammunition, but Provisions; and in regard they had been so long commanded by the Reverend Coll. *Walker*, and had been so successful by the blessing of God in their several Sal- lies, they humbly desired him not to land his Men there, but to sail and joyn Collonel *Steward*, telling him withall, it might occasion grumbling in the Town if so be that the Inhabitants should be com- manded by strange Officers. They likewise desired him to land what Provisions he had for them, which he accordingly did; and afterwards, according to their desire, sailed to the Isle of *Inch*, where he is now arrived, and has a body of Six Thousand brave Men, and hath a

Tree Correspondence with the Peo- ple of *Inniskilling* and *Ballishannon*, who have lately marched out of that Island, and fought the Duke of *Berwick* in the Field with that Reso- lution and Bravery, standing the brunt of the Battle till all the shot of both sides were spent, and then they went to work with the Butt end of their Muskets; at length they beat the Enemy out of the Field, killing some hundreds upon the spot, and taking several Pri- soners, with Two Hundred Scarlet Cloaks, the Duke of *Berwick* him- self narrowly escaping. 'Tis gene- rally believed that they have joined those of the Isle of *Inch* &c. this. If Major General *Kirk* had but Arms they would be able to make a Bo- dy of Thirty Thousand Men, which would in all probability soon de- stroy the *Irish* Army, they being so often already defeated, and the Protestants flush'd with Victory.

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